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SUBJ: NATIONAL WAGES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 1975 WAGE INCREASE
GUIDELINES

1. ON JUNE 7 NATIONAL WAGES COUNCIL (NWC) ANNOUNCED ANNUAL WAGE INCREASE GUIDELINES OF 3 PCT TO 6 PCT FOR ALL WORKERS. NWC RECOMMENDED THAT WORKERS NOT ALREADY RECEIVING ANNUAL INCREMENT BE GRANTED FULL 6 PCT INCREASE. WORKERS RECEIVING ANNUAL INCREMENT OF 3 PCT OR OVER SHOULD BE GRANTED 3 PCT INCREASE.
 2. NWC RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PREDICTABLY MODEST. IN RECENT MONTHS, GOVERNMENT AND UNION LEADERS HAVE DAMPENED ANY HIGH EXPECTATIONS BY REPEATEDLY CAUTIONING THE WORKING PUBLIC THAT 1975 NWC GUIDELINES WOULD BE LOW IN COMPARISON WITH PAST YEARS. IN FACT, 1975 GUIDELINES ARE LOWEST IN NWC'S 4 YEAR HISTORY.
 3. NWC STATEMENT EXPLAINED THAT WAGE INCREASES SHOULD (QUOTE) NEITHER AGGRAVATE THE RETRENCHMENT POSITION NOR DISCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTRY (UNQUOTE) (AS REPORTED EARLIER, 18,000 SINGAPORE WORKERS WERE RETRENCHED LAST YEAR AS RESULT OF WORLD RECESSIONARY TRENDS.
 4. NWC ALSO STRESSED THAT INFLATION HAD EASED TO 5.2 PCT ANNUAL RATE, THUS MITIGATING NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASE. STRAITS TIMES EDITORIAL CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT 6 PCT WAGE INCREASE SHOULD HELP MAINTAIN THOUGH NOT IMPROVE
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LIVING STANDARDS.

5. IN PAST YEARS, NWC RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED
BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS. GOS HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL FULLY IMPLEMENT
NWC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES. GRANT

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